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Attorney Docket No.

First Inventor

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Title

EXTENDABLE TRAILER

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 29]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 10]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 2]
  - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ Paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
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16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: .....

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation    ☐ Divisional    ☒ Continuation-in-part (CIP)    of prior application No.: 09/99489

Prior application information:

Examiner

Art Unit:

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|   | Filing Date          |                        |
|   | First Named Inventor | TONY R. DAMRON         |
|   | Art Unit             |                        |
|   | Examiner Name        |                        |
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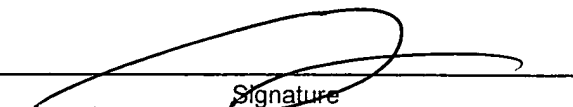
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**385.00****Complete if Known**

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                        |          |
| 1001         | 750      | 2001         | 375      | Utility filing fee     | 385      |
| 1002         | 330      | 2002         | 165      | Design filing fee      |          |
| 1003         | 520      | 2003         | 260      | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 1004         | 750      | 2004         | 375      | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 1005         | 160      | 2005         | 80       | Provisional filing fee |          |
| SUBTOTAL (1) |          |              |          | (\$)                   | 385      |

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

| Total Claims       |    | Extra Claims |  | Fee from below |  | Fee Paid |  |
|--------------------|----|--------------|--|----------------|--|----------|--|
| Independent Claims | 19 | -20** =      |  | X              |  |          |  |
| Multiple Dependent | 2  | -3** =       |  | X              |  |          |  |

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description  |     |
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| 1202         | 18       | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |     |
| 1201         | 84       | 2201         | 42       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |     |
| 1203         | 280      | 2203         | 140      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |     |
| 1204         | 84       | 2204         | 42       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |     |
| 1205         | 18       | 2205         | 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |     |
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| 1052     | 50       | 2052     | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 1053     | 130      | 1053     | 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812     | 2,520    | 1812     | 2,520    | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 1804     | 920*     | 1804     | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805     | 1,840*   | 1805     | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251     | 110      | 2251     | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252     | 410      | 2252     | 205      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253     | 930      | 2253     | 465      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254     | 1,450    | 2254     | 725      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255     | 1,970    | 2255     | 985      | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401     | 320      | 2401     | 160      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402     | 320      | 2402     | 160      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403     | 280      | 2403     | 140      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451     | 1,510    | 1451     | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452     | 110      | 2452     | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453     | 1,300    | 2453     | 650      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501     | 1,300    | 2501     | 650      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
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| 1503     | 630      | 2503     | 315      | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460     | 130      | 1460     | 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 1807     | 50       | 1807     | 50       | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |          |
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| 8021     | 40       | 8021     | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
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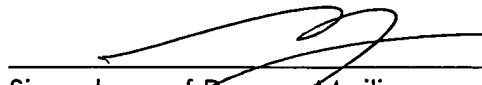
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